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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the annexed letter dated 3 July 1992 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Mr. Alija Izetbegović.

I request that you have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 3 July 1992 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

We are pleased that the first planes bringing humanitarian aid have begun to arrive at Sarajevo airport, after its successful opening in accordance with Security Council resolution 761 (1992).

However, Sarajevo airport is not able to receive the large amounts of aid waiting in various countries. Furthermore, the airlift can be endangered and temporarily interrupted. We therefore suggest that the Security Council consider the possibility of opening and securing an overland route, so that humanitarian aid can arrive in larger amounts and reach a far greater number of the suffering citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The most suitable route would be from Split to Sarajevo. In addition to the fact that this road is almost entirely under the control of the legal authorities, there is the advantage that a number of countries are prepared to send aid by sea via the port of Split.

We also suggest consideration of the possibility of using the Dubrava airport near Tuzla for the carrying of aid to the north-eastern parts of the country. This airport is completely ready for use, is able to receive all types of aircraft, and is situated on territory which is under the control of the legal Government. Two hundred soldiers of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) would be sufficient for the maintenance of its security.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ